

ADULT TENNIS DRILLS

TAUGHT BY A CERTIFIED TENNIS instructor, drills are practice sessions to improve stroke production.

When: Session I: February 16 - March 23.  
Session II: March 30 - May 4.

Times: Thursdays  
*Beginner* 7 - 8 p.m.  
*Intermed.* 8 - 9 p.m.

Where: 98th Street Northwest Athletic Club, 100 W. 98th St.

Cost: \$60 for six, one-hour lessons.

Limit: Eight per class; minimum four.

DAYTIME VOLLEYBALL

EXERCISE AND ENJOY VOLLEYBALL YEAR-round. Teams form each time you play.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Where: Bloomington National Guard Armory, 3300 W. 98th St.

Time: *Beginner* 9 - 11 a.m.  
*Intermed.* 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Cost: \$2 each session.

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

THE BORN AGAIN JOCKS VOLLEYBALL League welcomes men, 55 years and over, with all levels of playing ability. For more information, call Dick Wortman at 952-888-1814.

When: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Time: *Warm-up* 8:45 a.m.  
*Games* 9 a.m.

Where: Kennedy High School Activity Center, 98th St. and Nicollet Ave. S.

MEN’S, WOMEN’S AND CO-REC SOFTBALL

When: One evening per week, starting April 28.

Where: Valley View and Dred Scott playfields.

Cost per team: \$535 - Recreation  
\$760 - Fast pitch and doubleheader.

Deadline: March 10.

PLAY BALL!

TIME TO GEAR UP FOR A season of adult softball. More than 300 teams compete throughout the summer and fall.

Hosted at the Dred Scott and Valley View Playfields, leagues are for adults, ages 18 and older. Divisions include men’s, men’s fast pitch, women’s and co-rec.

Leagues form in March and play May through July. Teams are sanctioned in both Minnesota softball associations, the ASA and USSSA. Play ranges from competitive to recreational levels.

For information, call Recreation Supervisor Jason Hicks at 952-563-8880. or e-mail [jhicks@ci.bloomington.mn.us](mailto:jhicks@ci.bloomington.mn.us).

YOUTH ACTIVITIES  
ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS

BLOOMINGTON LOVES ITS KIDS CARNIVAL

When: Saturday, February 25, 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Where: Northwestern Health Sciences University, 84th and Penn Ave.

GAMES, EXHIBITS, POLICE AND FIRE DEMONSTRATIONS, FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT are featured at this fun, free event for kids and families. Please bring a food item for the VEAP food shelf.

SPRING EGG HUNT  
FOR CHILDREN, AGES 8 AND UNDER

When: Saturday, April 15, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Northwestern Health Sciences University, 84th and Penn Ave.

Time: Activities begin 9:30 a.m., hunt 11 a.m.

ENJOY SNACKS, GAMES, PHOTOS WITH THE Bunny, entertainment and more. This “eggs”traordinary annual event is sponsored by Parks and Recreation, the Bloomington Breakfast Optimist Club and Northwestern Health Sciences University.



SUMMER SPECTRUM  
SUPER SIGN-UP SATURDAY!

When: Saturday, April 8.

Time: 9 - 11 a.m.

Where: Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ASK questions, organize your child’s summer and register in one place. Summer Spectrum, an eight-week collaborative program between Bloomington Parks and Recreation, Community Education and the Bloomington

Art Center, offers summer activities for youth, complete with transportation and child care. Look for more information on all of the Summer Spectrum programs when the brochure is delivered in late March. For more information, call Parks and Recreation or visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keyword: Spectrum.

GALAXY YOUTH CENTER

Where: Valley View Middle School, 8900 Portland Ave.

Hours: Monday - Friday 2:20 - 6 p.m.  
Bus home: 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

Where: Oak Grove Middle School, 1300 W. 106th St.  
Olson Middle School, 4551 W. 102nd St.

Hours: Monday - Friday 2:20 - 5 p.m.  
Bus home: 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$1 daily.

GALAXY YOUTH CENTERS, LOCATED IN ALL THREE MIDDLE SCHOOLS, SERVE YOUTH IN grades 6 through 8 who live or go to school in Bloomington. Galaxy provides recreation, enrichment and developmental programming. Come to Galaxy and learn about other countries in Culture Club, play basketball in open gym, learn how to knit or just hang out with your friends. Need help with homework? Each site offers homework help and fun learning activities to work your brain.

For more information, call 952-681-6124.



THIS FRIENDLY COMPETITION CHALLENGES employees to shape up! Bloomington worksite coordinators receive special training and all materials needed to participate in the contest that runs **from April 24 to June 2**. Every week, employees record points for aerobic, strength-training and flexibility activities. Trophies are

awarded to the companies with the most points per employee. Sponsored by Parks and Recreation, this is a great way to introduce fitness, team spirit and a little fun into your workplace. Call Randi Wallenberg in Parks and Recreation for more information and sign up by April 14.



GIDEON POND HOUSE  
POND-DAKOTA MISSION PARK  
401 E. 104TH ST.

POND-DAKOTA MISSION PARK IS THE site of the Gideon Pond House that was constructed in 1856. Listed on both the National and Minnesota Registers of Historic Places, the restored Federal-style, two-story brick house is open for tours on the **third Sunday of each month from 1:30 - 4 p.m.** Admission is free. Tours are available by appointment.

OPEN HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Lois Glewwe presents the life and work of Jane Williamson, a Protestant missionary and teacher to the Dakota Indians at Lac Qui Parle, Kaposia and Traverse des Sioux during the 1830s - 1860s, on **Sunday, February 19, 2 p.m.**

Jeff Williamson presents the Williamson, Pond and Hopkins families and the Dakota Mission on **Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m.**

Visit the park to learn more about our community’s heritage. Events are free. For more information, call 952-563-9693.

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ADAPTIVE RECREATION AND LEARNING Exchange (AR&LE) offers recreational, leisure and community education programs that are specifically designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities in the cities of Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina and Richfield. For information, call Parks and Recreation or visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keywords: Adaptive Recreation.

Inclusion services provided

Under the direction of the Assistant Parks and Recreation Manager, inclusion services allow participants with disabilities to fully participate in Parks and Recreation programs. For more information, call Parks and Recreation or e-mail [parksrec@ci.bloomington.mn.us](mailto:parksrec@ci.bloomington.mn.us).

BLOOMINGTON  
ATHLETIC  
ASSOCIATION  
(BAA)

BAA OFFERS BASEBALL AND softball programs for boys and girls, age 5 through 12, including a mini-mite program for kids, age 5. For information on programs, call the BAA Information Line at 952-888-0807 or visit [www.baaonline.org](http://www.baaonline.org).